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JUSTICE COURT JUDGES COMPLETE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Five Utah Justice Court judges recently completed training at the Advanced Leadership Institute for Judicial Education based in Memphis, Tennessee. The Leadership Institute provides training and education on adult educational theories and practices with an emphasis on the applicability to judicial education.

The judges who attended the training were as follows: Judge P. Gary Ferrero, Murray City Justice Court; Judge Michael Kwan, Taylorsville Justice Court and chair of the Board of Justice Court Judges; Judge Terry Moore, Smithfield Justice Court; Judge Dean Olsen, Springville Justice Court; and Judge Jody Petry, Uintah County Justice Court.

While attending training at the Institute in April 2004, the judges developed an action plan for improving judicial education. The plan has been implemented over the past year and resulted in a Justice Court Judges Conference in April 2005. Additional work on the plan to revise Justice Court education curriculum is planned for the summer.

The State Justice Institute (SJI) supported five of the participants through scholarship funds. SJI is a nonprofit organization established by federal law to award grants to improve the quality of justice in state courts nationwide, facilitate better coordination between state and federal courts, and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common problems faced by all courts. Judge Terry Moore received a grant from the Justice Court Technology, Security, and Training fund to attend the training.

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